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In re application of:

MARTIN WUSTEFELD, ET AL.

Application No. 09/974,707

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For: APPARATUS AND A METHOD FOR THE DETECTION OF OBJECTS

Customer No. 20350

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Examiner: Craig W. Kronenthal

Technology Center/Art Unit: 2623

**AMENDMENT** 

San Francisco, CA 94111 March 30, 2005

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants request a one-month extension of time from March 3, 2005 to April 3, 2005 and authorize the Commissioner to charge the fee therefor, and any additional fee that may be due, to our deposit account in accordance with the attached Petition for Extension of Time.

In response to the Office Action dated December 3, 2004, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 9 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.